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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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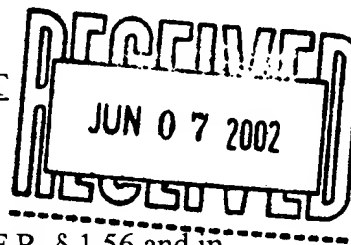
Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed. Cited U.S. Patents 5,044,706, 5,790,321 and 6,157,488 are counterparts of cited Japanese Laid-open Applications 4-213421, 6-324262 and 9-127322, respectively.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

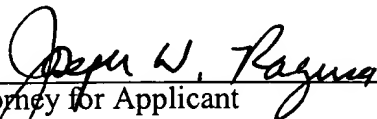
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